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Dear Leo,

On last Saturday (8 Dec.) Senator Clair Engle visited Palmdale for a B70 orientation & a rather interesting comment was made. I had hoped to be able to pass this on in person but my trip did not work out.

Senator Engle said that he went to see the President soon after he (the President) took office to discuss the B70 Program. In the course of the conversation the President had said that what (sic) were going to have was a "little bity" high speed recon aircraft that goes like hell and has a low radar return. Engle then asked if anyone in the room knew anything about anyone building such an aircraft. Of course everyone denied any knowledge.

Those present were Mr. Swanson, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Downey & Mr. Evans, all NAA employees plus Major Griffin (AFPRO) & myself.

Sincerely,

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